REMARKS

The Official Action dated January 18, 2007, has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are provided in response thereto. The Official Action provisionally rejected claims 1 through 10 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/838,101; claims 1-32 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/921,566; claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/990,539; claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/017,146; claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/027,967; and claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/190,099. Claims 1 through 10 further stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by "NCR E-business Teradata @ctive Warehouse 2.0 Installation and Customization Guide," dated June 2000.

Provisional Double-Patenting Rejection of Claims 1 through 10

It is believed that the provisional rejection of claims 1 through 10 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting has been overcome by the prior amendments to claims 1 through 10. None of the references cited in the provisional rejection discloses or claims the method for constructing a data warehouse as recited in amended claims 1 through 5. More specifically, none of the references cited in the provisional rejection discloses the step of "selecting at least one shared subject area from a plurality of predefined shared subject areas for inclusion in a logical data model for said data warehouse, each one of said predefined shared subject areas comprising a plurality of entities and relationships defining the manner in which *basic information common to two or more industries* is stored within a database" (emphasis added).

Similarly, none of the references cited in the provisional rejection discloses or claims a data warehouse system constructed in the manner recited in amended

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claims 6 through 10. More specifically, none of the references cited in the provisional rejection discloses the limitation "said plurality of subject areas including at least one shared subject area selected from a plurality of predefined shared subject areas, each one of said predefined shared subject area comprising a plurality of entities and relationships defining the manner in which *basic information common to two or more industries* is stored within a database" emphasis added.

Rejection of Claims 1 through 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

It is believed that the rejection of claims 1 through 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome by the amendments to claims 1 through 10. The cited reference, "NCR E-business Teradata @ctive Warehouse 2.0 Installation and Customization Guide," discloses a logical data model for the E-Business industry. The reference does not teach or suggest the method for constructing a data warehouse as recited in amended claims 1 through 5. More specifically, the cited reference does not disclose the step of "selecting at least one shared subject area from a plurality of predefined shared subject areas for inclusion in a logical data model for said data warehouse, each one of said predefined shared subject areas comprising a plurality of entities and relationships defining the manner in which *basic information common to two or more industries* is stored within a database" (emphasis added).
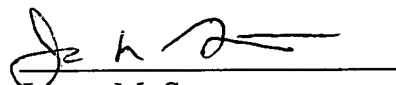
Similarly, the cited reference does not teach or suggest a data warehouse system constructed in the manner recited in amended claims 6 through 10. More specifically, the cited reference does not disclose the limitation "said plurality of subject areas including at least one shared subject area selected from a plurality of predefined shared subject areas, each one of said predefined shared subject area comprising a plurality of entities and relationships defining the manner in which

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basic information common to two or more industries is stored within a database"
emphasis added.

In section 9 of the present Office Action, it is stated that any database text
books which include entity-relationship diagrams and uses these diagrams to
develop a database reads on the claimed subject matter. Applicant respectfully
disagrees. The claims of the present application, as supported by the specification,
recite a method and system for constructing a data warehouse, one step of the
method being the selection of at least one shared subject area from a plurality of
predefined shared subject areas for inclusion in a logical data model for said data
warehouse. The recited shared subject areas are not equivalent to exemplary
entity-relationship diagrams printed in a text book, and the method and system
recited in the claims of the present application is not equivalent to building a data
warehouse from an entity-relationship diagram printed in a text book.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the
application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is
respectfully requested.

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